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SUBJECT: TURKEY DENIES OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR IRANIAN
PARS AIR FLIGHT TO SYRIA

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Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor Carl Siebentritt, reasons 1.4 (b) (c)
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(S) MFA Aviation Department Head Hamid Olcay informed us on August 28 that the GOT denied overflight clearance for the Iranian air carrier PARS Air that was seeking permission for a PARS IL-76 aircraft to cross Turkish airspace on a cargo flight from Tehran to Aleppo, Syria (reftels). Olcay stated that Turkey denied overflight permission because the Iranian request had not been filed at least five days in advance of the proposed flight as is generally required, and did not meet the criteria for an emergency flight for which only 48 hours notice would have been needed. Olcay told us that, as of August 28, the MFA has received no subsequent overflight request for this flight.

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